

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Samuel T. Basta

Serial No. unknown

Filed: Herewith

For: LOW PROFILE FLOATING LIFT FOR WATERCRAFT

Art Unit: unknown

Examiner: unknown

Docket: 03-1004-04

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner:

Before taking up the above identified application for examination, please amend it as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

1. Replace the paragraph commencing on page 17, line 26 and ending on page 18, line 6, deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following paragraph:

Suitable materials for use in a marine environments, as known to those skilled in the art, can be used to construct the components of the lift 100, including the accessories described above, i.e., the guide-ons 802, stem stop 804, and associated brackets 812, 828, and universal plate 842, and fasteners. The guide-ons 802, as well as the stem stop 804, can be formed from sturdy plastic that will help prevent damage to the exterior of the boat hull and the stern drive or outboard drive components.

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii), another version of this replacement paragraph, marked up to show all changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph, is enclosed herewith on a separate page.

2. Insert the following two paragraphs following the paragraph ending on page 21, line 8, immediately before the page upon which the claims begin: